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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takayuki WATANABE et al.

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Group Art Unit 1761

Examiner H. Mai

EDIBLE POWDER MATERIAL HAVING
EXCELLENT SHELF STABILITY

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A powder composition consisting essentially of (1) at least one component selected from the group consisting of perfumes, coloring agents and substances having a biological regulatory effect or physiological activity for mammals, (2) trehalose and (3) water-soluble hemicellulose.

Please add new claims 14 and 15 as follows:

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